

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sept. 3, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Bayles

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ruth 1: 16-17)

Leader: "Intreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you

People: For where thou goest, I will go. And where thou lodgest, I will lodge.

Leader: Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.

People: And where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried. And may the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part me and thee."

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#398 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION (from James 5:16)

Let us confess our sins to God and to each other, and pray for each other, that we may be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (1 John 4: 9-10) unison

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS The Gloria Patri #579 (Blue)

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM Longing for God D. Wyrzten
Mary Ann Wright, soloist

Like a dry and thirsty land, I long for You, O Lord! My parched and hungry soul longs for Your quenching Word!
May I find You in sweet fellowship, may I see You in great preaching;
May my heart be moved with Your love, may Your Spirit work in teaching!
In the shadow of Your wings I sing songs in the night; in the darkness of this world I cling to You for light,
In the darkness of this world I cling to You for light. Amen

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9: 36-43

(pew Bible p. 778)

SERMON

“Where Prejudice Goes to Die:
The Sewing Room and the Tanner’s House”

Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN

We All Are One In Mission

#435 (Blue)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Go now in peace.
Never be afraid
Never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen

*POSTLUDE

(*Please stand as you are able)

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This Week's Activities

Today	10:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
	11:00 am	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
Wednesday	6:45 am	Men's Group
	5:30 pm	<i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i>
Thursday	3:45 pm	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8:00 am	Community Farmers Market
Sunday	9:45 am	Brunch in the Fellowship Hall
	11:00 am	Worship

The **Two Cents a Meal Offering** will be collected today.

Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm. We welcome all who love to sing! Please join us!

Worship start time changes to **11 am** beginning next Sunday, Sept. 10. It will remain at 11 am until May 26, 2024. (Memorial Day weekend)

Everyone is invited to join together on Sunday, Sept, 10 at 9:45 am for brunch in the fellowship hall. The Church service will follow at 11 am in the sanctuary. Come with a hearty appetite and fellowship together. Please plan to join us.

The Service Circle will meet Monday, Sept. 11th at 6 pm at the home of Frances Sykes for a Salad Supper. Please bring a salad. All women are invited.

It is with heartfelt love, gratitude, and appreciation that the family of Jason Dail would like to thank you for all of your love and support during our recent loss. Your visits, food, cards, flowers, phone calls and mostly prayers truly have been a blessing at this sad time. He grew up in our church, and you all held a special place in his heart. May God continue to bless MOPC!

“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Lynn Dail, knee replacement surgery
- Martin Powell, pancreatic cancer

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Brenda Schroeder, knee replacement surgery
- Rudy Hooks, UTI complications
- Joe Giddings, (Barry Giddings' brother, heart and other issues)
- Tracy Draughon, (Dr. Scott Draughon's wife, lung cancer)
- Susie Cox, (Lynda Roten's sister in law, hip replacement surgery)
- Joyce Coates, (Doug Coates' mother, lung cancer surgery)
- Everett Coates, (Doug Coates' father, kidney dialysis)
- Eddie Best, (Brenda Schroeder's brother, aneurysm)
- Lorraine Kornegay, cancer
- Virginia Matthews, (Megan Kornegay's mom, hip replacement complications)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Danny Johnson, (Lynn Coates's uncle)
- Jason Dail

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin and e-newsletter for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Bob.

Church Mission Statement

Called together by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Mount Olive Presbyterian Church is committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all people, to nurturing Christian discipleship, and to serving the world in the name of Christ.

